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Margaret V. Friedman for

SUBJECT:

NUREG-1748, "ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW GUIDANCE FOR
LICENSING ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH NMSS PROGRAMS"

The guidance document (NUREG-1748), "Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated with NMSS Programs," has been completed and is being forwarded for your information and use, as appropriate. The document provides general procedures for the environmental review of licensing actions regulated by the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS). Use of NUREG-1748 will help to ensure that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as reflected in 10 CFR Part 51, are met. Should NMSS Divisions or Regional Divisions of Nuclear Materials Safety find it necessary to develop supplemental NEPA implementation guidance, any such guidance should be coordinated with the Environmental and Performance Assessment Branch of NMSS's Division of Waste Management prior to issuance. The document is being issued for comment and interim use for approximately one year. The following guidance has been consolidated and superceded by this document.

- NMSS Policy and Procedures Letter 1-48, Rev. 1, "Procedure for Preparing Environmental Assessments," May 31, 1995.
- NMSS Policy and Procedures Letter 1-50, Revision 3, "Environmental Justice in NEPA Documents." 2001.
- Memorandum from Richard E. Cunningham, "Policy and Guidance Directive 84-20; Impact of Revision of 10 CFR Part 51 on Material Licensing Actions," December 5, 1984.

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- Memorandum from Richard E. Cunningham, "Supplement to Policy and Guidance Directive 84-20: Impact of Revision of 10 CFR Part 51 on Material Licensing Actions," February 19, 1992.
- Memorandum from Carl J. Paperiello, "Revision 1, Supplement to Policy and Guidance Directive 84-20, Impact of Revision of 10 CFR Part 51 on Material Licensing Actions," March 9, 1994.

All addressees should review NUREG-1748 and familiarize themselves with their responsibilities under this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Blevins or Charlotte Abrams of the Environmental and Performance Assessment Branch - the NMSS lead for NEPA implementation.

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